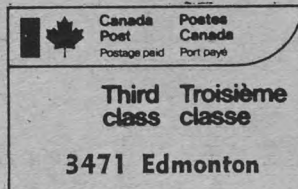
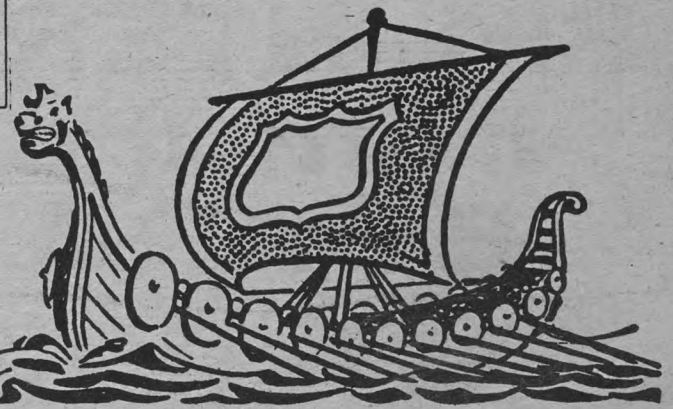


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INGA NIELSEN NEW QUEEN

Danish Contestant Wins Scandinavian Centre Queen Contest

By Margaret Cameron
Cultural Director

The judging of the Scandinavian Centre Queen Contest took place at the Scandinavian Centre on Sunday, September 15, at a coffee party.

There were only three contestants this year and they were: Miss Inga Nielsen representing Denmark; Miss Dawn Lundberg, Iceland; and Miss Gretta Elkstrand, Norway. The girls were judged on different points.

The judges were: Mrs. Marian Heather, High School teacher; Mrs. Beatrice Smith, secretary; and Mr. John Bohonos, radio announcer and instructor.

The judging was completed on the Sunday and the chairman was handed three sealed envelopes to be opened Fri., Sept. 20 at the celebration and dance.

The chairman, Margaret Cameron, opened the envelopes in order of No. 3, 2 and 1.

Opening No. 3 envelope

she announced the name of Miss Gretta Elkstrand as Miss Scandinavian Centre Princess and 2nd runner-up. The president of the Sons of Norway Solglyt, Wally Broen, presented her with her trophy and congratulated her.

The chairman then opened No. 2 envelope and Miss Dawn Lundberg was named first runner up to the Queen. President of the Icelandic Society of Edmonton, Leif Oddson, presented her with her trophy

and congratulated her.

The envelope marked Queen was then opened and Miss Inga Nielsen was proclaimed Miss Scandinavian Centre Queen 1974-75. President of the Danish Society Dania then presented her with her Queen Trophy along with congratulations.

Mrs. Joan Lowther, the former Miss Joan Olafson, and the first girl to have the honour of being Miss Scandinavian Centre Queen in 1960-61, was invited to crown Inga Nielsen in the absence of Donna Cameron, 1973-74 Queen, and presented her with the banner of Miss Scandinavian Centre Queen 1974-75.

Each of the girls were

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Miss Scandinavian Centre Queen 1974-75, Inga Nielsen, being crowned by Miss Scandinavian Centre Queen 1960-61 (Queen of the first contest), Mrs. Joan Lowther.

A Year A Queen

By Donna Cameron

Hello, fellow Scandinavians.

I would like to thank the many different people who made my year as Scandinavian Centre Queen such an enjoyable one. I thoroughly enjoyed the coffee parties that led up to Scandapades '74.

The Swedes invited me to their annual Smorgasbord and for that I thank them immensely. I don't think I had tried Swedish meatballs before and they are as delicious as everyone says they are.

The Annual Board Dinner was fantastic since steak is my favorite dish and I wish to thank Mr. Soren

Sorensen (then president of the Centre) for inviting me.

The Danes invited me to their Carnival Dance. The costumes were fantastic. One couple was dressed as Vikings; obviously they won first prize and they deserved it, too. Thank you, Dania.

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The three contestants in the Scandinavian Centre Queen Contest: Representing Norway, Gretta Elkstrand; Denmark, Inga Nielsen; and Iceland, Dawn Lundberg.

SPLINTERS from the BOARD

By Harvey Haugen, President

The Scandinavian Centre cannot stand still . . . we must go forward—but forward in which direction?

With that question in mind, I am forming a committee of interested shareholders to take an objective look at the Centre and where it should be going. We need the benefit of diverse opinions and knowledge from ALL AGE GROUPS. You can volunteer to be a member by telephoning me at 489-1171, and I am looking forward to your participation.

A preliminary meeting of eight shareholders took place on Sun., Sept. 15 at the Centre and a number of interesting ideas were raised, among them a lounge and a swimming pool. What are your thoughts on the matter? Join us at our next meeting and let us know! □

WEDDING BELLS

VIGFUSSON — STIMSON

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Sherwood Park was the scene of a late afternoon wedding on Sept. 7, 1974, when Darlene Catherine Vigfusson became the bride of Bertram Levi Stimson. Darlene is the youngest daughter of Herb and Phyllis Vigfusson of Sherwood Park, and Bert, the youngest son of Ray and Gert Stimson of Ardrossan. Dr. G. O. Evenson officiated at the double ring ceremony. Organist was Edith Sitler and she played "The Wedding Prayer" during the signing of the register.

The happy bride wore a gown of chiffon with lace bodice, full sleeves with lace-ruffled cuffs and self train. Her veil was fingertip and she carried a cascade of orange roses and stephanotis. Her attendants were Hazel Jennings as maid of honor, Jeannie Kropp, Audrey Grue and Kathy McMullen, cousin of the bride, as bridesmaids. They were gowned alike in orange and brown with bodice of beige lace, wearing hats of orange velour. They carried white carnations and orange roses. Flower girl was little Robyn Corrigan, niece of the bride, adorable in her orange gown with a pinafore and bonnet of beige with orange rosebuds. Ringbearer was David Vigfusson, the bride's cousin. This little couple walked arm in arm down the aisle and almost stole the show.

Attending the groom were Kim Forsyth, long-time friend of the couple, as best man; Ed Stimson, brother of the groom; Bryan Vigfusson, brother of the bride and Dave Goulet, friend of the groom and cousin of Robert Goulet.

Following grace by Dr. Evenson, approximately 250 friends and relatives enjoyed scrumptious turkey dinner with all the trimmings at the Hazeldean Hall. Master of Ceremonies at the reception was the bride's uncle and

godfather, Norm Vigfusson, from Cheney, Wash. Mr. Len Swenson toasted the happy couple, to which Bert ably replied. Kim Forsyth proposed a toast to the lovely bridesmaids which was unique in that he recognized each one individually.

Dancing was then enjoyed to the music of Andy Chevalier and the Country Classics.

The bride and groom left for a honeymoon to interior B.C. and Spokane, Wash., returning to make their home in Edmonton. □

ODDSON — HELFENSTEIN

Ascension Lutheran Church was the scene of a lovely candlelight ceremony on Aug. 30 when Kathryn Oddson, daughter of Leif and Lucille Oddson, was united in marriage to Mr. Darryll Helfenstein.

The bride chose a gown of white-dotted swiss with ribboned lace around the hem and long train. It featured a trim of pleated organza around the neckline and wrists. On her head she wore a picture hat with flowing veil and carried a bouquet of white carnations, stephanotis, baby's breath, and blue-tipped daisies. Matron of honor, Leoni Hagan (Kathy's sister), and bridesmaid, Jan Wallins, wore long gowns of blue nylon flocked with white, and carried matching bouquets.

The groom and attendants were outfitted in blue jackets with black velvet lapels and black trousers. Brian Wattie was best man and Chris Oddson was groomsman. Conrad Helfenstein and Eric Oddson were ushers.

A reception was held at Argyll Community Hall followed by an evening of dancing. The toast to the bride was given by Walter Arason.

The many out-of-town guests included people from Uranium City, Sask., Fort St. John, B.C., Vancouver, B.C. and Alberta points such as Carbon, Ft. McMurray,

NEW YEAR'S DINNER AND DANCE

By Per Nielsen
Social Functions Director

I'd like at this time to reveal the plan I have been working on for the last two months regarding the Scandinavian Centre's New Year's Party.

This will be the 11th consecutive time the Centre has put on a New Year's party. I am going to BREAK a ten-year tradition this time and the evening program will be as follows:

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. —
Cocktails
8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. —
Dinner
9:30 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. —
Dance

During the cocktail hour and during the first hour of the dinner, we shall be playing Scandinavian music for your enjoyment from tape recordings through the P.A. system. If anyone has some tapes of Scandinavian music or records we can make a tape from and you would like to help us, please call me now — Per Nielsen, Bus. phone 484-5384 or Res. 436-4109.

The dance will start at 9:30 p.m. and go until 2:00 a.m.. There will be a draw for a door prize to the value of approximately \$50.00 and two consolation prizes. The dinner will be smorgasbord style prepared by Stella Kassian, and those of you who attended our Mother's Day Smorg know what that means for food. We shall also have free hats and noise

Thorsby and Leduc.

Following a honeymoon in Vancouver the couple will reside in Edmonton. □

SULLIVAN — SUND

Miss Gail Diana Sund and Mr. Joseph P. Sullivan were united in marriage Sept. 7, 1974, at the Grace United Church, Edmonton. The bride was adorned with the Vasa bridal crown.

Gail is a member of the Vasa Lodge Skandia 549 as well as her parents, Rudy and Sonja Sund.

After their honeymoon in B.C. and U.S. they will reside in Calgary and plan to continue their education at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology.

Complimenting the bride, several social events have taken place—showers were held by Doreen Nyroos and Evelyn Johnson, and Charlotte Samuelson and Winnie Person. Her cousin, Janet Sund, who was also her bridesmaid, entertained about 15 guests at a linen shower. □

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makers for you and the hall will be decorated (I hope).

There are only a limited number of tickets available so plan your New Year's evening now. Come to the Scandinavian Centre and celebrate the evening with your Scandinavian friends. If you would like to reserve a table for your party, phone me and make your reservation. The evening is open to EVERYBODY.

The price of the tickets

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



By Doreen Melsness

Einer Garstad is at the present time stationed, for a six-week term, in Aberdeen, Scotland. He is employed by Coring-Christianson Products Ltd.

Warren Clark left for Sebastopol, Calif., on Aug. 29. He is attending a bible college there.

Alf Nilson from Norway is visiting his brother, Norman Nilsen, for six weeks.

Ivy Whithead is enjoying a holiday with friends in England.

Irene Hovde has been a patient in the University Hospital. Betty Haugen is a patient at the Royal Alex. Johanna Reno is a patient at the Misericordia. We hope they are all feeling better.

Astrid Hope visited her mother in Saskatchewan last week.

Sunray Junior Lodge will meet on Sept. 15 at the Scandinavian Centre. A bowling party is planned in October.

The Melsness family attended a reunion of Del's family in Port Alberni, B.C. Ten of the eleven brothers and sisters were present with their families—about fifty people in all.

Watch for announcements of the Leif Erickson Dinner Dance to be held in the

Viking Room, Scandinavian Centre, Sat., Oct. 5.

Norwegian language classes will commence in October, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Parkview School. The registration fee is \$5.00. Anyone planning to attend, please contact Janet Burt, Box 75, Devon; phone 447-3727.

Sig and Selma Sorenson visited Mrs. Ingrid Lagergren and Mrs. Irene Sorsgaard. They send greetings to all their friends in Solglyt Lodge.

BROTHER JAN GRUDE APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF 17TH OF MAY COMMITTEE

President Wally Broen announced the appointment of Bro. Jan Grude as the overall chairman of the 17th of May Committee for 1975. Plans have been laid for what promises to be the biggest May 17th celebration ever witnessed in Alberta.

Plans include a mammoth parade, a noon luncheon at the Edmonton Inn and a banquet for 500 in the evening, all on Sat., May 17, and continuing on Sunday with a picnic at Jan Grude's country estate.

All Alberta Sons of Norway lodges will be invited to participate. □

S/N Supreme Convention Report

By Gladys C. Clark

The Sons of Norway 43rd International Supreme Convention held at Banff Springs Hotel Aug. 18-24, was very well attended from across United States, Alaska and the four western Canadian provinces. Many friendships were renewed, after having met on the Caribbean cruise two years ago when the 42nd Supreme Convention was held.

The convention staff, Supreme Board members and home office staff arrived on Sun., Aug. 18. Monday morning, Aug. 19, was a breakfast served on Sulphur Mountain. For dinner Monday evening two busloads attended a very enjoyable dinner at Chateau Lake Louise.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were filled with meetings for Supreme Board and different committees. Wednesday was a very busy day with 235 delegates arriving.

Thursday morning at 8:30 was the official opening of the Convention on the Red Terrace of the Banff Springs Hotel. Presentation of colors was by the R.C.M.P. and the Unge Venner group. The singing of the three national anthems was sung to the music of the P.P.C.L.I. band from Calgary. There were about 500 to 600 persons who attended the opening.

Thursday was business sessions all day for delegates, etc. Thursday evening was a western Bar-B-Cue and dance which was very well attended by 700 persons.

Friday morning was a Norwegian breakfast served at 7:30 a.m. to 500 attending. At noon a Norwegian luncheon was served. During the day there were more sessions for delegates. For visitors and guests there were bus tours and golf, etc. Friday evening, a Medieval

live in Unimac in 1969.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Anna; five sons, Albert, Wilkie; Henry, Phippen; Melvin, Victoria, B.C.; Norman, Carberry, Man.; George, Toronto, Ont.; one daughter, Annice (Mrs. Chas. Fawell), Adanac; sixteen grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers at the funeral at the Unity Pastoral Charge of the United Church of Canada on Aug. 24, Rev. Bob Mutlow conducting the service, were Albert, Henry, Melvin, Norman and George Johnson, and Charlie Fawell.

Mrs. Johnson is a former member of Solglyt Lodge. She now resides at Pioneer Unimac Lodge, Unity, Sask. She sends greetings to her Edmonton friends. □

Dinner was served. The hotel serving staff was dressed in costumes, as were head table guests. All the men were marched in first to the music of pipers, and then the ladies followed after all the men were seated. A very enjoyable and tasty dinner was served and the only cutlery to eat with was a knife.

Saturday evening was the final Banquet and Dance with approximately 875 persons attending. Head table guests included representatives from the R.C.M.P., provincial government, city mayors, Norwegian Consuls, Supreme Board presidents from five host lodges and the Unge Venner group.

The presidents of the five host lodges were presented with a Loyal Service plaque from the Supreme Board. After dinner the Ronning Lodge Ladies' Drill team performed in a couple of drills, which was very well done.

The evening finished off with dancing to the music of the Les Handley Orchestra. THOSE ATTENDING FROM EDMONTON SOLGLYT LODGE

Knut and Rose Svidal, Harvey Haugen, Emeth and Gladys Clark, John and Astrid Hope, Sig, Selma and Sharon Sorenson, Ragna Sivertson, Mollie Cooper, Del and Doreen Melsness, Bob and Janet Burt, Olav and Win Dahl, Wally and Betty Broen, Doug and Gail Peterson, Ellsworth and Lois Halberg, Norman, Johanne and Dr. John Nilse, Donald Isert, Jan and Elso Grude, Alf, Esther and Linda Richardson and escort, and Newton and Greta Lofgren.

The five Sons of Norway Lodges in Alberta were very happy to host this convention and a big thank you goes to the chairman, Ed Ness, of Calgary, and his executive committee for a job well done. □

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My Trip To Newfoundland

By Olaf Sveen

One Thursday morning the phone rang and I heard the voice of Horst Schmid, Alberta's Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation, and he was telling me I would be going to St. John's, Newfoundland on the weekend to entertain during Alberta Week held in connection with the Confederation Jubilee out there. So I said to him: "You are kidding, of course." However, he assured me he was deadly serious, and I could tell by the urgency of his voice that I could do as I liked, as long as I did exactly as I was told. All I could think of saying was: "Let's go."

My duties would be to play the accordion by myself, and also to back up the Bavarian Schuhplattler. It turned out I was expected to learn their whole repertoire in about two practices. In all, eleven persons would be going, and this also included a group of four Ukrainian Zirka Dancers.

The plane left the International Airport about 2 o'clock on Sunday morning, and the first thing to happen was that we ran into a heavy electrical storm. The

aircraft was just shivering. At times I said to myself: "What am I doing here, at this time of the night, when I could have been home in bed like most everybody else?" But we got away from the storm, soon the sun

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Halvor Johnson

Dies

1878-1974

The late Halvor Johnson was born in Telemark, Norway, on May 19, 1878. In 1903 he left Norway and worked on a farm near Hope, North Dakota.

He married Anna Haugen in June 1906 and they farmed near Hope until 1908 when they brought their possessions to a homestead near Phippen. They lived on this homestead until 1921 when they moved to a farm five miles north of Phippen where they lived until their retirement in 1945.

After the farm sale they lived in Vancouver for awhile and eventually settled in Edmonton where some of their friends had also settled. They returned to

ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

By Les Greenham

Here we go again down to the last minute and nothing assembled for this news column. We had hoped that when the choir started practising again and being in personal contact with some of the members of the Icelandic Society we would have available to us more news items to print for your pleasure. However, it just hasn't quite worked out that way. Consequently we shall endeavor to recollect some happenings that have taken place recently.

First thing that comes to my mind as I am sitting here thinking is to give Al and Martha Arnason the biggest "thank you" that a person can possibly give for inviting the choir to practise in their beautiful home. During the past six weeks we have practised approximately twice a week preparing for performances at the MacDonald Hotel and at Stony Plain, which incidently, according to all reports were very much appreciated. So I guess all our practising wasn't in vain.

As a matter of fact there was a Kris Kristjanson, who was one of the delegates from Gimli attending the Senior Public Administrator's Conference at the MacDonald, who enjoyed the music so much he just HAD to treat the choir after the concert. And so, Kris, if you happen by chance to see this column believe me these are my words: "Thank you for the treats on behalf of all the choir members."

Now, let's think a minute. Ah, let's phone Ninna Campbell. We have just dialed 476-0482. The receiver has just been lifted. I open the conversation, "Hello, is that the Road Runner?" Answer, "Yes, the fastest female Road Runner in Alberta. As a matter of fact I almost beat the fastest male Road Runner in Alberta at Markerville last June." "Yes, Ninna, I shall never forget that race. I guess we should start training as a team so that we can beat any team that wants to challenge us next year. Ninna, the main

reason I phoned was to ask how to spell "Kristjanson" properly, and also have you any other news items and you said you recently went to the Good Samaritan Nursing Home and visited with several people there.

"First, you mentioned Mrs. O. T. (Helga) Johnson and found her in good health, and that she still crocheted beautifully. You had never seen anybody that can crochet faster, and I said that I thought maybe my favorite mother-in-law, Mrs. Gudrun Vigfusson, from Selkirk, Man., who is visiting with us at this moment, could beat her.

"You also mentioned visiting with Bertha Hawthorne who also was very cheerful and in good health."

We both agreed that both Helga and Bertha would appreciate visitors at any time, so, folks, here is a chance to perform your good deed for the day. And you can be sure that Mike Johnson, who resides at McQueen Lodge on 142 St. would also appreciate receiving visitors.

Thorey, her mother and myself recently paid a visit to Art and Vi Arnfinson. We found them both in good health and good humor. Needless to say, we enjoyed the evening. Art and Vi were pleased to have had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, Jane Johnson and Mrs. Vida Erickson of the Lundar district who were on their way through to Jasper, Vancouver and the Island for a holiday. They really enjoyed seeing these old friends and we understand one of them was Art's old girl friend. While there they told us they had received an eighteen-page letter from Fusi (Art's brother) that he had written on his return from Iceland this summer, and which they let us read. The letter was very interesting, believe me, so when we were leaving we asked if it were possible to bring the letter home, and they agreed. The letter is so interesting we would have liked to have published its entire content, however, this would be a little too much. So we shall

give you a few brief highlights.

He starts off by saying he is still played out from his trip to Iceland and he has one heck of a cold which damned near turned into pneumonia. The first thing he mentioned was how exceptional the flight was. They arrived at midnight and the sun was still shining (midnight sun of course).

While there he must have visited 40 or 50 places. How he could remember all the names and dates amazed me. Everywhere they went it was coffee, cake and skyr, approximately 20 cups a day!

Another item he mentioned was prices. We talk about our inflation here, well, in Iceland if you order bacon and eggs for breakfast you pay for everything separately, e.g. each egg, \$1.20; bacon, \$1.50 for 4 strips; toast, \$1.10 and a 2 1/2-cup pot of coffee, \$1.90; total cost for breakfast, \$8.90. Dinner is not less than \$12.00, supper, \$16.00 and up and a 26 ounce, \$17.00.

Another thing that delighted Fusi was meeting relatives he had never seen, and old friends, some of whom were from Lundar, Man.

And finally, probably the highlight of Fusi's trip was sitting on the rock at the bottom of an S-shaped waterfall where his mother used to sit as a young girl. Maybe we shall print more of this interesting letter in the next issue of the Scandinavian Centre News.

Thorey and I attended the wedding of our niece, Darlene Vigfusson — look elsewhere for the write-up. Also look for the write-up of Kathy Oddson's wedding, the daughter of Leifur and Lucille.

Gummi and Shirley Jonsson from Oakview, Man., were recent visitors at the home of his brother, Steini, and Clara Jonsson. While here they took in Darlene's wedding and really enjoyed the evening visiting with many friends—and can Shirley ever dance! I don't know about Gummi—I didn't get a chance to dance with him.

While here they also visited with Pastor Ingibjorgson, his wife, Janet, and family from Bawlf, Alta., formerly a pastor in their vicinity in Manitoba.

We regret that we can't elaborate on the visit to Iceland this summer by Bill and Edith Peterson and family, and also Burky Letourneau. Burky did mention at our choir practise that her sister, Mrs. Lillian La Belle, of Eyota, Minn., is visiting her now in Spruce Grove. After she is finished visiting with Burky, it is on to Vancouver and Blaine, Wash., to visit another sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Halldor Johnson.

Tody Halldorson, on her recent visit to Rock Island, Wisconsin, was introduced to

A NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to extend a very sincere and hearty thanks to the many members of the Icelandic society and others who gathered at the Chapel of Chimes on Tuesday, July 2nd to pay their last respects to the memory of my late brother, Joe. And also thanks to the members who visited him during his long travail in hospital.

C. M. (Mike) Johnson

what they call a fish boil dinner. We don't have the particulars but maybe, Tody, one of these days you will give us the details. We understand that potatoes, onions and fish are involved.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Rousseau from Winnipeg spent a week prior to the Oddson-Helfenstein wedding visiting with daughter Lucille Oddson and hubby Leifur. Unfortunately they were unable to stay until the wedding but did enjoy an outing to their cottage at the lake and a few evenings of bingo.

BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Sept. 1 — Leifur Oddson, Pres. Icelandic Society.

Sept. 17 — Cam Smith, the fisherman.

Sept. 2 — Thorey Greenham, Les' wife.

Sept. 29 — Mike Johnson. Hi, Mike.

Sept. ? — Mrs. Margaret McKeon, Grandview Nursing Home. What is the date, Margaret?

Sept. 13 — Olive Goodman. Olive, is this your 39th?

Sept. 12 — Pauline Mitchell. Should I tell your age, Pauline?

Oct. 5 — Doris Vigfusson of Cheney, Wash. The one and only, according to Norm.

Oct. 12 — Karen Jonah (nee Hawes). Did your husband remember?

Oct. 13 — That great ball player, Cardy Halldorson.

Oct. 16 — Rick Hawes—his 17th. How does it feel to be almost a man?

Oct. 21 — Phyllis Vigfusson. We know how old you are but when are you going to slow down?

BIRTHS

Congrats to Solli and Shirley Sigurdson on the birth of a son on Thurs., Sept. 12. At this writing, name is unknown, but you can be sure it will be Icelandic.

To Dawn Lundberg, daughter of Shirley Lundberg! Every Icelander and those who wish they were Icelandic, like myself, wish you the best of luck in the upcoming Scandinavian Centre Queen Contest. And, Shirley, we know you've been to Japan—perhaps we can have some details for the next issue.

BOOKS AND ARTICLES

NORWEGIAN ROSE-MALING — A complete guide to a rewarding folk art by Margaret M. Miller and Sigmund Aarseth. Originating in Norway in the early 1700s rosemaling (Norwegian painting) is the art of paint-

Sumarlidasons

Visitors To City

By Margaret Cameron

Lil and Henry Sumarlidason of White Rock, B.C., former Edmontonians, motored to Red Deer and Markerville to join in the celebrations for her sister Sadie's birthday in August. While there they were the guests of Lil's sister, Mrs. Josie Jensen.

Due to the short time they had in Edmonton and Red Deer they were unable to get in touch with many of their dearest friends and they wish to express their sincere regrets.

Accompanying them on the return trip were Mrs. Rogers of Edmonton and Mrs. Runa Sveindjorson of White Rock.

ing wooden surfaces with traditional designs. The authors are both expert rosemalers, and in their book they provide complete instructions for this decorative art. The book is filled with beautiful photographs of the traditional flowers and leaves, scrolls and lettering. The techniques of brush strokes needed for each detail are fully illustrated. Published by Charles Scribner's Sons, 597 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017, U.S.A. (pp 206, 157 illustrations, \$15).

NORDIC CULTURAL COOPERATION by Ingeborg Lyche, Director of the Norwegian Cultural Council, is a study of Scandinavian cultural diplomacy since the establishment of the Nordic Council and its Cultural Committee. The book includes the text of the cultural cooperation treaty between Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Published by the Norwegian University Press, Box 142, Boston, Mass. 02113, U.S.A. (pp 170, \$8).

SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES (Journal of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study, No. 2/1974) contains a review by Sidney R. Smith of Norsk Språkhistorie, bind II, (A History of the Norwegian Language, Volume II) by Vemund Skard. Communications about subscription to the journal and membership in the Society should be addressed to the Secretary - Treasurer, James E. Cathey, Department of Germanic Languages, Herter Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass. 01002, U.S.A.

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA



By Millie Weiss

The September meeting was held in the Club House at Vasa Club on Sept. 7 at 7:30. Two members were initiated—R. Elliasson and G. Olsen. Before the meeting a most delightful potluck supper was held hosted by Magnus and Betty Pearson. As usual the supper was the most. Thanks, Magnus and Betty.

SICK LIST

A few members have been on the sick list but are much improved. Emil Johnson, Mrs. Pearl Hober, Alice Skoog, Mrs. Dodds, Margaret Engvold, Marge Leander and Alma Samuelson in the nursing home. Speedy recovery to you all.

Magnus and Betty Pearson have had, and still have, visitors from Kamloops, B.C. Magnus' sister, Helen Ryley, and his two nieces, Mrs. Watt and Mrs. Jeanes.

Emil, Marvyn and Barry Weiss and family motored to Mossbank, Sask., to cele-

brate Emil's brother's golden wedding anniversary.

Millie's niece, Emily Norberg returned with them and is visiting for awhile.

Marvyn, Linda and Zoie Weiss spent their holidays in B.C.

COMING EVENTS

The Ladies' Auxiliary meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. Ed Hinton, 7711 Rowland Rd., on Oct. 11 at 8 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Oct. 5 in the Nordic Room at 7 p.m. Following the meeting a wine and cheese party will be held with Ray and Phyllis Wold as host and hostess.

The November meeting will be held on Nov. 2, not the 9th, in the Dania Room at 7 p.m. Glen Hallen will be the host. Bingo will be played.

Don't forget the Smorgasbord on Oct. 19 at the Masonic Temple, 10318 - 100 Ave. Supper — 5:30-7:30 p.m. Everyone is wel-

Swedish Diplomat to Speak Here

A newly - established trust fund for the University of Alberta will be used to sponsor a lecture by His Excellency Gunnar Jarring, Swedish diplomat and expert on the Middle East. Dr. Jarring's topic will be "Quiet diplomacy and other forms of diplomacy". The lecture is scheduled for Thurs., Oct. 3 at 8:00 p.m. at the Jubilee Auditorium. Tickets may be obtained by contacting the Senate Office, 432-1269.

During his 40-year career, Dr. Jarring has distinguished a number of academic and diplomatic posts. He obtained his Ph.D. at the University of Lund, Sweden in 1933 and spent the next seven years there as Assistant Professor of Turkish Languages. During this time he also traveled extensively in Soviet central Asia, China, Afghanistan and India.

In 1940 the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs secured his services and attached him to the Swedish legation in Ankara. He was posted to Teheran and Bagdad between 1941 and 1946 and to Addis Ababa from 1946 to 1948.

In 1948 he was named come and you won't be sorry you came. It's the event of the year. □

Minister to India and later, also to Ceylon; in 1951 he was named Minister to Iran, Iraq and Pakistan.

Dr. Jarring served as Head of the Political Department, Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm from 1953 to 1956. He was Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations for the two years following and served as Sweden's representative in the Security Council from 1957 to 1958. He was Ambassador to the United States from 1958 to 1964 and Ambassador to the Soviet Union from 1964 until his retirement in 1973.

During Sweden's membership on the UN Security Council, Dr. Jarring served three times as its President. In this capacity he was requested by the Council in February 1957 to examine with the governments of India and Pakistan any proposals which, in his opinion, were likely to contribute to the settlement of the India-Pakistan dispute and to visit the subcontinent for this purpose.

Dr. Jarring has published works in the linguistic and ethnographical fields as well as on foreign policy, and he has contributed articles to Swedish and foreign linguistic publications, encyclo-

pædias and newspapers.

Dr. Jarring's visit was made possible by The Emil and Ada Skarin Foundation, established by Mrs. Skarin in memory of her husband, the late Emil Skarin, who was Swedish Vice-Consul and then Consul in Edmonton for more than 25 years. Mr. Skarin was also a Professional Engineer; he was awarded a B.Sc. in Engineering by the University of Alberta in 1918. Mrs. Skarin who still resides in Edmonton, received her B.A. here in 1919. □

Swedish Course

At U of A

The Department of Extension at the University of Alberta is adding a second evening course in Swedish to its curriculum this fall. It's called **Conversational Swedish**, and will be taught Wednesday evenings starting Oct. 9.

Everyone who knows some basic Swedish and wants to learn more by reading, discussing and writing about amusing and interesting aspects of Swedish life, can sign up.

The course won't teach grammar, but apply it. Conventional textbooks are exchanged for established, native literature. □

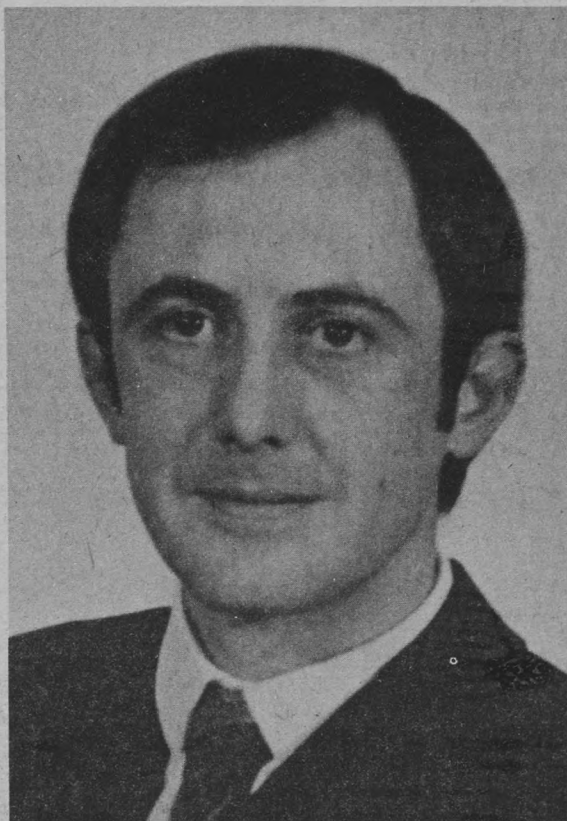
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NEWS FROM FINLAND

NEW LEADER FOR OSLO PHILHARMONIC

The 28-year-old Finnish conductor, Okku Kamu, has been engaged as the leader of the Orchestra of the Oslo Philharmonic Society for a four-year period starting with the 1975-76 season. He will succeed Miltiades Caridis.

Okku Kamu was recognized in 1969 as one of the world's most promising conductors when, at the age of only 23 years, he won the Karajan Foundation Competition for conducting Beethoven's Fourth Symphony. A total of 350 young conductors participated in the competition.

At the age of 18 Okku Kamu headed the Finnish Suhonen Quartet, and from 1966-68 he was concertmaster and assistant conductor at the Finnish National Opera. In 1969, he conducted the Stockholm Opera Orchestra. Since 1970 he has been conducting the Helsinki Radio Orchestra.

One of the reasons why Okku Kamu chose the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra was that he wanted to live in a Scandinavian country and that the new Oslo Concert Hall will be opened in the fall of 1976. He will thus have a first-class orchestra with excellent working conditions. □

Annual Reunion of 99th Viking Battalion

The unique 99th Infantry Battalion (Sep) — better known as the Viking Battalion — will convene for its 29th reunion at the Normandy Motor Inn, Minneapolis, Minn., on Oct. 26, 1974.

Activated in 1942 at Camp Ripley, Minn., the Viking Battalion consisted of personnel either native born Norwegians or of Norwegian extraction with a working knowledge of the Norwegian language. The prime purpose was to utilize the Battalion in an advanced position in the event of an Allied invasion of occupied Norway during World War II. As for

the Norwegian language requirement it soon became evident that most of the Battalion members could be excused from the classes due to their excellent command of that language!

Following a training period in England the Viking Battalion took part in the Normandy invasion and some of the subsequent battles on the Continent, where the Battalion suffered severe losses. It was then assigned to General Patton's 3rd Army. In May 1945, the Battalion was sent to Norway to assist in the liberation operations. Due to its

excellent war record and very special character, the Viking Battalion was given the honor to head the Allied parade saluting King Haakon VII when he returned to the Capital City of Oslo from England.

Marking its 25th Anniversary in 1967, a large group of Battalion veterans with wives, revisited Norway where they were honored by several major cities and received in special audiences by King Olav V and Crown Prince Harald. The group was led by the late Dr. Gustav Svendsen of Minneapolis, who served in the Battalion with the rank of colonel, and was awarded the King of Norway's Freedom Cross. The Norway tour was arranged in co-operation with Sons of Norway.

The annual reunions have been held in various Midwestern cities and have attracted the veterans residing in all parts of the United States who look eagerly forward to meeting their comrades-in-arms for revival of memories and recounting of their adventures — in the Norwegian language.

For further information: Mr. Irvin J. Anderson
4300 Culver Rd.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55422,
U.S.A. □

WISCONSIN SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES

In tribute to the first 100 years of Scandinavian Studies at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, a Centennial Fund has been established by friends of the Department. The purpose of the Fund is to assure the continuation of the tradition of educational programs dealing with all aspects of the Scandinavian countries. The Department has been recognized for its programs since the days of Rasmus B. Anderson, who was appointed in 1875 as the first professor in Scandinavian

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languages.

Visiting Scandinavian lectureships, graduate fellowships, seminars and meetings and additions to the Scandinavian Studies Library are among the activities that will be supported for the next 100 years by contributions to the 1975 Scandinavian Studies Centennial Fund.

Celebration of the Centennial will include hosting of the annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study in May 1975. Art exhibits, Scandinavian plays and other special events at the SASS meeting will salute the Scandinavian Studies Department's past.

Information may be had by contacting: Scandinavian Studies Department, 1306 Van Hise Hall, 1220 Linden Dr., Madison, Wisc. 53706, U.S.A. □

FELLOWSHIPS FOR 1975-76

The American-Scandinavian Foundation offers the following fellowships and grants for study in Norway during the academic year 1975-76: Crown Princess Märtha fund (\$2,500); Detroit Chapter Fellowship (\$1,000); King Olav V 70th Birthday Fund (\$3,500); Alice and Corrin Strong Fund (\$1,000); Former fellows fund (\$750); Junior New York Chapter (\$1,800); and New

York Chapter (\$3,000).

Application forms may be obtained by writing to Exchange Division, The American - Scandinavian Foundation, 127 East 73rd St., New York, N.Y. 10021, U.S.A. The deadline for applications is Dec. 1, 1974. Applicants must be under 40 years of age. The awards are intended to assist younger scholars in reaching degree objectives. Applications will not be accepted for attendance at English-language institutes. Decisions on awards will be announced about March 15, 1975.

Candidates for study in Norway may be considered for Fulbright-Hays travel grants to complement ASF Fellowships. □

NORWAY OIL DEVELOPMENT SPURS DEMANDS FOR EQUIPMENT is the title of an article in Commerce Today, July 22, 1974. The article features possibilities for U.S. export to Norway within the field of offshore oil equipment as well as other maritime and antipollution equipment. □

Nothing can be right to the man whose heart is wrong.

The man who insists on seeing with perfect clearness before he decides, never decides. — Amiel.

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DANIA DOINGS



By Lili Nielsen

Dania's second WHIST-DRIVE of the season will be held on Oct. 8 at 8 p.m. in the Dania Room at the Scandinavian Centre. Hope to see you all again.

Dania will be having its ANNUAL DINNER DANCE on Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Viking Room at the Scandinavian Centre. Limited tickets are now available from board members at \$7.50 per person. This includes "spegesild" and "smørrebrød". We sure hope to see you all.

For tickets please call: Ole 435-6135, Bendt (Julle) 452-2652, Per 436-4109, Alfred 479-1429, Ruth 475-3520, Lili 435-5655.

On Oct. 23 at 8 p.m. Dania will be having its ANNUAL MEETING. The Board of Directors urge everyone of you to come and take part. We would like to see a 100% turnout. We feel this is one of the most important events of the year. □

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NEW YEAR'S

will be only \$10.00 per person, and once again that gives you: admission to the party, free hats and noise makers, smorgasbord dinner, a chance on the door prizes and an evening long to be remembered.

Tickets will go on sale November 1 and will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you need more information regarding the evening, feel free to phone me, Per Nielsen, Res. phone 436-4109 or Bus., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 484-5384.

Look for more news regarding the New Year's evening in your November issue of this paper for tickets outlets, advertisement, etc. □

Minds are like parachutes: They only function when open. — Thomas Robert Dewar.

NEWS FROM ANSGAR LUTHERAN

By Pastor Holger N. Madsen

As we slip into the month of October we suddenly realize that another growing season has past. The seeds that were put into the ground in May have now grown, developed and multiplied. The fruit of the tiny seed has once more become an abundant harvest. And so the miracle of growth has again been repeated, and man has again reaped the benefits of this miracle. This miracle is one which we always find easier to accept than to explain.

At Ansgar we also feel that there has been some growth from the seeds that have been sown, therefore we shall observe the month of October as our "Ingathering Month". This then becomes your opportunity to give tangible expression to God through your Church, for His blessings of another year of growth; another year of health and strength; another year in which you have been permitted to live in a world as wonder-filled as this.

Through our various media we hear of drought, of floods, of disasters and of deprivations of one sort or another, but here in Alberta we don't really comprehend what it's all about. Oh, sure, we complain about inflation, about taxes and about numerous other things. And yet we must admit "Here it is good to be." Where else can you imagine that you could have it so good??

And now it is Harvest Time again. As it is necessary for the farmer to have a "Fall Drive" to get in his harvest, so also it seems necessary in the Church to have a "Fall Drive" to get in the necessary funds to operate. Your Church does not operate without people's gifts, but because of people's gifts, for the Church is people responding to God's gifts of forgiveness, love and mercy.

We are anticipating an abundant harvest at Ansgar this year, because for most of our members and friends it has been a 'good year'. Therefore we shall look forward to seeing many of you at our "Thanksgiving Service" on Oct. 13 at 11 a.m. when you may have the

pleasure of placing your gift upon the altar, so that we may be assured that the work of Ansgar may continue uninterrupted. If you are unable to attend on Thanksgiving Sunday, we shall welcome your gift on some other Sunday during our "Ingathering Month", or as a last resort you may use the mail. But we would really like to see you, so that together we may celebrate God's goodness to us. As someone has said "To be able to give, is in itself a gift." Therefore in the words of the familiar hymn we extend this invitation to all our readers, "Come, ye thankful people, come..."

Our "Fellowship Night" on the last Sunday of this month—Oct. 27—will feature the full-length movie on the life and the work of **Martin Luther**. This is a movie well worth seeing and is considered so historically authentic that for the past several years it has been used in several local high-schools in their Social Studies classes. All ages are invited to come and bring a friend for this evening of fellowship, coffee and a feature movie.

The Ansgar Teen Club began its fall program with a lively "Participatory Pizza and Pop Party". We look forward to a lively year with many good times, and hopefully we shall see many new faces in our group this year. Parents, we need your involvement and support in our youth program. Encourage, and take time to bring your teens to this wholesome activity.

Sunday School sessions are now in full swing again. If you have kids from age three and up, to whom you have promised a Christian education—now is the time to get started, every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. □

HALLOWEEN

By Arlene B. Edward

The sky is black,
The night is cold,
The witches ride, or
So we're told.

The owl asks, "Who?"
The witch says, "Boo!"
But the pumpkin
Merely smiles at you.



Miss Scandinavian Centre Queen 1974-75, Inga Nielsen, being congratulated by the president of the Danish Society Dania, Allan Sorensen.

Queen Contest

By Per Nielsen

On Sun., Sept. 15, I attended a coffee party at the Scandinavian Centre for the judging of three lovely girls, one of whom will become the Scandinavian Centre Queen for 1974-75. There was a turn-out of about 45 people.

The ladies from the different Scandinavian groups served coffee. The circular tables and the chairs were set up in the centre of the Viking Room. Margaret Cameron, Cultural Director, used tablecloths and decorated them with vases filled with autumn flowers.

The Scandinavian Centre President, **Harv Haugen**, welcomed everybody, and Mrs. Cameron introduced the judges.

While everyone enjoyed the coffee party and visited with friends, the judges talked with the girls. The president then introduced the

girls to the people and had a little talk with each of them. Mrs. Cameron then presented plaques to each of the judges and thanked them for coming out.

John Bohonos, one of the judges, then turned over the three envelopes to Mrs. Cameron. The envelopes were sealed and contained the names of the new Scandinavian Centre Queen, first and second runners-up.

The envelopes were not to be opened until the next Friday, Sept. 20, when a dance will be held at the Centre.

I'd think the girls will be a little more nervous by Friday evening after a five-day wait. This is a situation that should make everybody a little nervous. Even I, as Cultural Director

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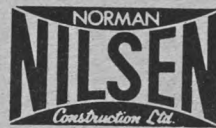
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Our hearts give gratitude to Thee.
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We see another year decline;
But through the pain and strife and woe
Thy blessings manifestly show.

Dear Lord, for laughter and for song
Which have been ours . . . for righted wrong,
For steps of progress we have made,
For all the works of art and trade,
For science which has conquered pain
And given hope where hope seemed vain,
For all that helps mankind to live . . .
This day to Thee our Thanks we give.

Dear Lord, despite its pain and strife,
We thank Thee for our richer life.
This is a better world for man
Than when this closing year began.
We who have suffered still can find
Proof of Thy love and mercy kind.
In all our works Thy hand we see,
And bow in gratitude to Thee.

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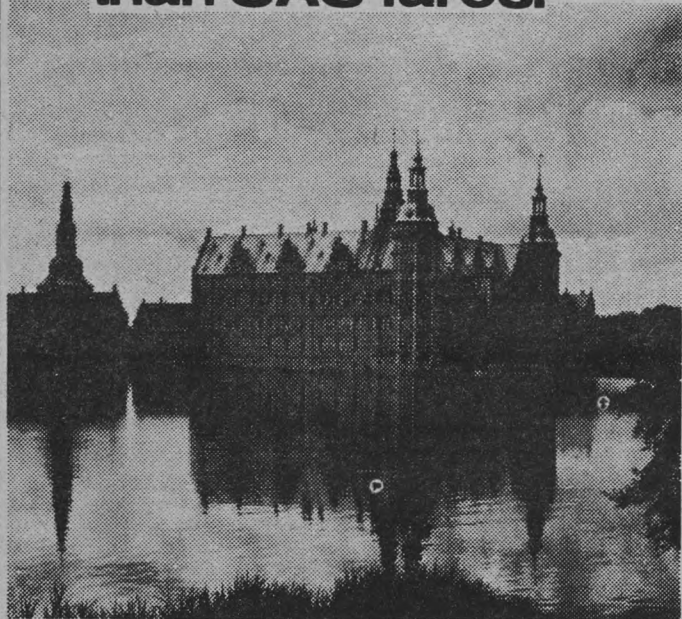
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NEWFOUNDLAND

started getting up and everything was just beautiful.

We had shipped my instruments two days earlier as well as the props for the Schuhplattler, which included among other things an eight-foot log to be used during a number called "The Jolly Lumberjack". Of course, when we arrived and had a look at the forest of Newfoundland, it seemed as if taking a log along was something like carrying coal to Newcastle, but the thing was, this log was special.

When we left Newfoundland, we didn't know many details, such as where we were going to stay, where we were going to perform, nobody even seemed to remember the name of the person who was going to meet us at the airport. Bu Rudi, the head Schuhplattler, had his Bavarian hat on with Gamsbart and all, and that saved the day for we were recognized right away.

There is so much talk about Western hospitality that everyone seems to have forgotten about its Eastern counterpart, and it is just as great. We were taken good care of, and soon we were firmly established at the Holiday Inn, and the main attraction to me there was that I had a view of the Atlantic Ocean, or rather an arm of it, from my window. The dining room at the hotel was decorated to remind us that we now were at a seaport, and it had a fine glass painting of a Viking ship. Later I got hold of a little book called "Historic Newfoundland", and it says there: "Come to Newfoundland, it is the cradle of white civilization in North America. It is the region where the Viking adventurers landed in Anno Domini One Thousand and One and named the newly-discovered country Markland, or Land of Forest." These are strong words and goes to the heart of a Scandinavian.

Our first performance came on Monday night when we entertained at a State Banquet at Harbour Grace, about sixty miles from St. John's. Premier and Mrs. Lougheed were guests of honor with Newfoundland's Premier, Frank Moores, as host. Premier Lougheed appears to me like a man who is not easily fooled. He is soft spoken and gives the impression that he knows

NORWEGIAN OIL: The "Blue-Eyed Arabs" is the title of interviews with Minister of Industries Ingvald Ulveseth and Statoil Director Arve Johnsen in the August issue of *Dun's Review*. □

NORWAY SEEKS WAYS TO ABSORB OIL FUNDS WITHOUT DISCOMFORT. Front-page article in the *Wall Street Journal*, Aug. 6, 1974. □

exactly what he is doing and where he is going, and he doesn't use any gimmicks to get attention in politics. Premier Moores is a dashing, I will say, young man and I am sure he has a great future in politics also.

I was scheduled to provide background music, so I had to be there fairly early to get things organized. All went smoothly, at least all I needed was a chair. I saw an odd empty chair around, but every time I asked if it were taken, someone would say it was. It is amazing how possessive people are in a case like that, so I went to the manager, and he told me to go and see the bartenders, but there was a lineup at the bar and I realized it didn't look right to stand in line in front of a bar if you are looking for a chair. So I walked back to one of the empty chairs again, and told a lady standing there that I was desperate, and that did the trick. The reason I am telling you all this, is that it is a study in human nature.

The banquet room turned out to be one of the hottest I have ever played in—no ventilation, no air conditioning, no nothing. It was so bad that Premier Moores in his speech said that someone should go and turn off the stove—an imaginary one, of course. He also hinted that Premier Lougheed will be our next Conservative Party Leader. Frankie Moores made a good impression as a speaker, but as our bus driver said: "It is always easy to talk in your own house."

After the banquet was over, we entertained the largest group, who were the Germans, with six people. The next in size were the Ukrainians with four, and by far the smallest group was me.

My opinion is that the Ukrainian folk dancing is more exciting than the German, but on the other hand, the German ones seem more humorous. These people know their things, and one reason for that is certainly that they practise regularly the year around. It seems to me that the Scandinavians are doing it wrongly right now. I have the impression that they practise like crazy a few weeks before Scandapades and then as soon as that is over, they sit down and wait for the next Scandapades to roll around again. But I hope I am wrong in assuming this.

However, back to the State Banquet. All went well, and the premiers came and shook hands with us, and we all felt proud for being able to represent Alberta so far from home.

So much happened during our week-long stay at Newfoundland, with performances and sight-seeing, that it is impossible to go into

it all here. We had a panel truck with a fantastic driver, Dave, to take us wherever we had to go and also wherever we wanted to go.

I shall only mention a few of the happenings. I shall not call them highlights, because what might be a highlight to one person, might just turn out to be only a happening to another.

Before I go any further I shall say that Newfoundland is very similar to parts of Norway. I talked to Henry Collingwood, Norwegian Consul, and found out that there are very few Norwegians around. So we decided that there was no reason for a Norwegian to come to Newfoundland to stay—they may just as well stay home. When they arrive they just keep right on going till most of them end up on the west coast. By the way, when a Newfoundlander talks about the west coast, he means the west coast of Newfoundland and this can be very confusing to a Westerner.

One day we were to be on a TV show on Station CJON. We had a great hostess—her name was Joan. The show was pre-taped live, or whatever it is called, and the first time after we spent about twenty minutes making the tape, the engineer came and told us there was no picture on the video tape, so we had to do it over again. However, we all thought we did a better job the second time, so we didn't complain. This was nothing new to me, in a way. One time we made a recording at Radio Station CJGX Yorkton and there was no sound. What I am trying to get across here, is that if you are in the music business, you have to take things as they come.

Signal Hill is real close to the most easterly point on the American continent, and that is where Marconi, in 1901, claimed he received wireless signals coming all the way from Cornwall, England. This was the beginning of radio, and I wonder if anyone at that time realized what those signals would grow into, with radio stations all over the world broadcasting night and day, mainly to entertain people. It has some parallel to what happened when Newfoundland introduced shrews to their island to kill off some damaging beetles. Now they have too many shrews and might have to introduce snakes to get rid of the shrews. But of course there is no connection between shrews and Marconi and his radio—there only seems to be some kind of similarity.

Other great historic events that happened in Newfoundland was when Alcock and Brown became the first to fly across the Atlantic taking off from Lester's Field, St. John's, in June of 1919. Also it was in a harbour in Newfoundland that Roosevelt and Churchill

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Kitchen Corner

POPCORN BALLS

Try some of these popcorn balls for Halloween treats.

1 pkg. Jello (any flavor desired)

1 cup sugar

1 cup white syrup

Mix well and bring to boiling point slowly. Cook just until sugar is dissolved. Pour over 6 quarts popped corn. Shape into balls.

This favorite apple dessert is always a hit.

APPLE CRISP

5 cups sliced, peeled apples

1 cup brown sugar

3/4 cup flour

3/4 cup quick cooking rolled oats

1 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 cup butter or margarine

Arrange apples in buttered baking dish. Combine brown sugar, flour, oats and cinnamon. Cut in butter or margarine till crumbly. Press mixture over apples. Bake in moderate oven 350°, 45 to 50 minutes or till top is browned.

Serve warm with ice cream.

BLUEBERRY CHEESE CAKE

Quick to fix and delicious.

CRUST

1 1/4 cups Graham cracker crumbs

1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted

Mix and put into pan.

FILLING

Stir one 8-ounce package cream cheese to soften. Add 1 cup sifted icing sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla; beat until smooth.

Whip 1 cup whipping cream and fold into the cream cheese mixture. Spoon filling onto the crust. Spread a can of blueberry pie filling on top. Chill until set.

SCANDINAVIAN RECIPE FOR OCTOBER

KJAEFA

(Potted Meat)

By Veiga Thorsteinson

3 lbs. (3) pork hocks

3 lbs. beef shank meat

Boil hocks (skin on) and beef until very tender in salted water. Drain, saving broth. Allow meat to cool, and remove skin and bones. Chop meat finely with a sharp knife. Place meat in saucepan with enough broth to moisten well — not quite to cover. Add one or two medium onions, chopped fine and salt to taste quite salty (the salt seems to disappear when the meat cools). When onions are cooked, add: 1 tsp. ginger, 1/4 tsp. cloves, 1/4 tsp. pepper, a pinch of

allspice. Boil uncovered for 15 minutes, being careful not to burn. Put in loaf pans. Cool. Refrigerate. Slice as any cold meat. Serve in sandwiches or as cold cuts. □

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NEWFOUNDLAND

drafted the terms of the Atlantic Charter.

The music of Newfoundland might have come from the British Isles in the first place, but it is definitely their own now. We performed at a Confederation Celebration Spectacular at the Arts and Culture Centre and we heard lots of it there. Many young people were very clever performers on two-row button accordions, and lots of jigs and reels were played and danced. To us Westerners the most catchy tune seemed to be one called "Mussels In The Corner", a title that doesn't make much sense out here. People seem to be very proud of their heritage, and another thing is, they don't have as many ethnic groups as we have here in Alberta.

Four young Newfoundlanders on bicycles arrived at St. John's one day after travelling around 5,000 miles starting on Vancouver Island on May 17. They had been spreading the good news about the 25th Anniversary of the Confederation all across Canada, and they were officially greeted at the Confederation Building by the Minister of Tourism, Tom Doyle. Joey Smallwood, the former premier, was there. He is talked about a lot in Newfoundland. He retired from politics in 1972, and at 73 years of age he is now trying to stage a comeback. Some say he is a figure from the past, demanding to be invited back into the present. It is hard to understand that a couple of years should make so much difference. It does not seem to me as if it is like say all of a sudden Jack Dempsey announced that he would like to have another crack at the heavyweight crown. People seem to pull for the underdog, and there are odds against Joey getting back the power he had at one time. People might not really think that he is going to make it, and the way they are talking, maybe it is for the best that he didn't, after all. Joey Smallwood is colorful and controversial and makes a great topic for conversation.

After all these years, 25

of them, I had a boat ride on the Atlantic, or more correctly, Conception Bay. We rented a fishing boat called Cherie Wynette and took a trip that lasted a couple of hours. I was glad to see that the Echo Sounder was made in Norway. It has a screen that tells you where there are fish. The human race has come a long way—this takes away guesswork. You don't just throw your line and hook over the side of the boat and wish yourself good luck. If the Echo Sounder says there are no fish around, there are no fish around. Of course this makes it very tough on the fish—they have no place to hide.

The boat also had radar and it certainly makes travelling on the water much safer. The operators of the boat was a father-and-son team. They tried to explain to me about many of the gimmicks on board, but the fishermen in Newfoundland seem to speak a language of their own, so I had to try and figure out things for myself.

Nevertheless, I gathered they had respect for Norway as a nation of sailors—even their fishermen's garb was made there. Norway is a small nation, and you have a hard time being recognised if you are small. I heard someone one day saying that the Vikings found America very long ago, and it was promptly forgotten; then Columbus came in the sixteen hundreds and found it again (would you believe in 1492?), and he made sure it would not be forgotten. At least people now seem to believe that the Vikings were here before the Italians, but I remember years ago, a person was apt to get into an argument for suggesting such a thing. They would say it was a fairytale, or else Scandinavian brag, plain and pure.

As a Westerner, I have often wondered about the French in Quebec, how they want to use the French language and also keep up their own culture in general. But I can see their point of view much better from here, where even Toronto seems to be a western city. Quebec is more or less surrounded by English-speaking peoples. They have a big province so they are not going to give in, and this makes sense seen from this side of Canada. It might not be such a great idea to have more than one language in a country, because as some say, a nation is made up of a people speaking the same language. But this is a matter of politics, and has nothing to do with heritage and the sentimental feeling a person has for his mother tongue. As we all know, Norway used to have two languages, or rather two versions of the same language, but they are trying to get away from it.

When a Newfoundlander goes on a real vacation, he will mostly go east, say for instance, Bermuda, and it is very popular to go to Portugal and Spain, or the Mediterranean countries in general. That is how come you hardly ever meet a Newfoundlander who has ever been as far west as Toronto, not to mention Edmonton. Their beaten track goes in another direction. They seem to have to go somewhere so they can hear the foghorn in the morning, and also they say it is cheaper to go to Europe, and it is not so far to go.

We saw many fishing villages, and it seemed to be so peaceful there that it was almost unbelievable. There seemed hardly any action whatever. The men were mostly standing around

staring out over the ocean. I asked one fisherman about this, and he said: "Right now there is no fish, and even if there was, no price. Maybe in a couple of months." It would be hard for an outsider to get used to the pace, but I can imagine the fishermen really work hard in season. I got the impression that fishing, mining and forestry were most important to Newfoundland's economy, and also the tourist industry. The island has plenty of scenery with beautiful lakes and rivers. Agriculture doesn't seem to be too important.

It looks as if the average Newfoundlander loves the place where he lives more than the average prairie dweller does. The old fishermen would probably

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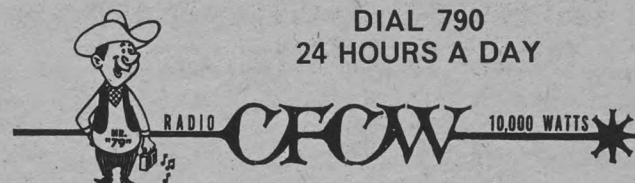
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NEWFOUNDLAND

never move away to retire the way people do here. Listen to what a Newfoundland poet says:

The hills and cliffs of Grates Cove

Are tall and quaint and bare, Their rugged beauty adds such grace

That cities can't compare. They have a charm that calls you

No matter where you roam, Those hills, fair hills of Grates Cove

Those hills of home, dear home.

I believe that is exactly how they feel. A cove is a small bay. We saw lots of them, and every one of them seemed like a small world by itself.

All good things have an end, and a sausage has two, was a saying I heard way back, and that was what happened to our trip, it came to an end. The day came when we had to say goodbye to the fair city of St. John's. It is the capital of Newfoundland, and it is a progressive city. They even have a woman mayor there, but then, they say all modern cities have problems.

It was with a mixture of sadness and gladness we packed our bags and headed back to Edmonton. But more was on the agenda—our next safari would be to Fort Smith, not far from Great Slave Lake, and the Honorable Horst Schmid, himself, would be in charge. But more about that later. □

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CONTEST

for the Danish Society Dania and responsible for getting a girl to represent Dania in the contest, am a little nervous. Is the Dania girl going to win or not?

But at the same time I can't help wondering whether one of the girls from the Swedish or Finnish societies will win.

A year ago, Dania had a girl already who was to participate in the contest, but on Friday night at 11

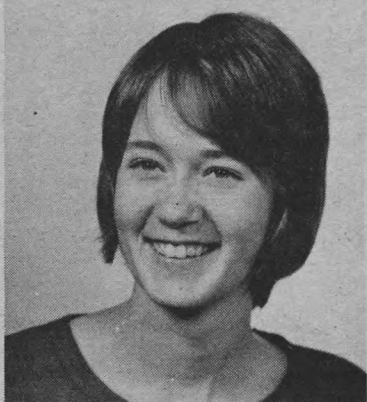
p.m. I got a phone call saying she had backed down and was asked if I could find another girl. There were only 39 hours left to the contest and she had to be in the Scandinavian Centre for the judging. Finally Dania did have another girl there.

I believe there are lots of girls to enter this annual queen contest. All we have to do is look for them. Perhaps the directors in the societies do not know the members and their families well enough, and I believe that this is one of the places we fail our members—we, as leaders, do not know our members well enough. □

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YEAR A QUEEN

I must not forget the honour of being seated at the



Donna Cameron, 1973-74 Scandinavian Centre Queen.

head table of the 10th Scandinavian Centre Anniversary Dinner since I can remember being at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Centre, even though I was only 8 years old.

So many things have happened this year within the Scandinavian Centre to make me feel privileged at being Queen. The 20th anniversary of Scandapades and taking part in the Norwegian dance group, was a real experience.

I was only 4 years old when I was first involved with Scandapades and I have done something nearly every year since.

I was invited, along with Sharon Sorenson, to meet our guest star of Scandapades '74, Mr. Edgar

By Holger N. Madsen

CHAPTER VI**A STEM IS FORMED**

When they were few in number and of little account ... (1 Chronicles 16:19).

It would be sheer folly to suppose that because the area west of the Lakehead had become a separate District of the UELC*, that

*United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1896-1945.

Bergen, when he arrived at the international airport, and be his guest at dinner at the Edmonton Inn. Also invited to the party following the show at the Edmonton Inn were Mr. and Mrs. Sig Sorenson, Jack McCreath, and many others who were responsible for staging such an outstanding show.

But of all the things that happened this year, the highlight was my trip to Denmark, and for that I will never stop thanking the Scandinavian Centre and the many people who made it possible.

I would like to thank Mrs. Freda Smith of the Icelandic Society and the Ladies' Auxiliary for the party they gave me.

My trip to Denmark is

it was no longer beset by problems. The problems were still there and the wherewithal to cure them was still lacking. But now at least solutions could be attempted on the local level by local men cognizant of the local circumstances.

The first convention of the WC** District, held at

**West Canada District of the UELC (United Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1947-1960).

something I shall never forget. Mrs. Vera Nielsen I wish to thank for asking if I could stay with her cousin, Ele Christensen. If it hadn't been for Ele I would not have seen half that I did see.

We visited Kronborg Castle (Hamlet's Castle), Fredriksborg Castle, the world-famous Copenhagen Zoo, many different towers, to Love Park, a lion game reserve, to Legoland, to the Roskilde Cathedral and to so many other places. I even spent an hour in Sweden.

To anyone planning to go to Europe for a holiday, take in Denmark and don't forget to go to Tivoli Gardens. Spend a whole day there. You can listen to a symphony, see a harlequin

Standard, Alberta in August of 1927, did not have a great deal on its agenda beyond organizational matters. However, it did take the important step of promising \$600 to support Missionary Ludvigsen who was to begin work at Pass Lake, Ontario. (1) A vote of thanks was also extended to the

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(1) Wedcm., p. 3. (dt—Danish translation) Deposited in the Archives of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, Saskatoon, Sask.

performance, an acrobatic act, see the boys band who are dressed like the queen's guards with their red uniforms and tall, black hats. If you are a gambler you can spend your money there. There are flowers and fountains and four times a week they have fireworks.

An important part of travelling is the cost. The cost of travelling on trains and buses are minimal. You can take a tour that takes up most of the day for just a few dollars. The money is very easy to figure out, too. But go to Denmark.

Now I would like to write a bit of an apology for not being able to be at the Queen Contest. Due to circumstances the contest was not held in June as it normally is. I have been accepted as a participant in Canada World Youth, a cultural youth exchange. For four months I shall be in Canada but during September shall be north of Montreal, so unfortunately I shall not be able to crown the incoming Queen. It was something I was looking forward to, although not being Queen is something else.

To whoever is the incoming Scandinavian Centre Queen, I wish the best of luck and I hope she enjoys her year as much as I have. To all the Scandinavian Centre members I have met this year and who have helped me, thank you very much.

Scandinavian Centre Queen of 1974, Donna Cameron. □

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QUEEN CONTEST

then presented with a large bouquet of lovely flowers by the president of the Scandinavian Centre, Harvey Haugen, as well as by Peter Nielsen, Social Functions Director and Leif Oddson, President of the Icelandic Society.

"As chairman of the committee and Cultural Director, I would like to thank all those who were so helpful especially Pete Nielsen and Harvey Haugen for arranging the dance."

Margaret Cameron □



Margaret Cameron, Cultural Director, presenting The Scandinavian Centre Queen 1974-75, Inga Nielsen, the trophy, with former Queen, Mrs. Joan Lowther, standing by.

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North Dakota District for its help in establishing the WC District.(2) But this new District's ties with the North Dakota District were not completely cut. It is noted that all the incoming subscriptions for the church building fund in Winnipeg were to be channeled through the North Dakota District.(3)

At the time of its organization the WC District had seven congregations, of which three were self-supporting. Besides this, there were seven preaching places. These 14 places of worship were served by six pastors.(4)

From the available statistics the total membership of the WC District was 643 in 1927.(5) But of this membership one may assume that only about one-third were contributing members. This assumption is based on the 1930 statistics, which show the total membership of the District at 877, with the contributing membership of 259.(6)

Since the bookkeeping methods of earlier days did not deem it fit to stipulate the lump sum with which the Synod subsidized the District, it has been necessary to examine a yearly Synodical treasurer's report in toto. As nearly as can be determined, the amount which the Synod contributed to the WC District in 1928 was \$6,850; this includes gifts to building funds, to pastor's salaries, as well as a \$500 subsidy to Dana High School in Calgary.(7) Besides this support there was also a gift from Udvalget i Danmark;(8) this was a contribution of \$500 with this attached note:

In view of the fact that the Mormons in Calgary have four churches, while the Danish Lutheran people don't have any, this Committee herewith presents this gift for the purpose of building a Danish Lutheran Church in Calgary.(9)

A gift of \$2,000 was also presented at the 1928 Synodical Convention for Canadian mission work. The donor was a Mr. Hans Grønbeck.(10) From these figures it may be seen that the WC District was quite generously supported from the Synod and other sources. But they needed it, too, as the District received only \$500 to \$600 annually from its own congregations.(11)

But financial aid was not the only assistance which the

WC District received. In 1928 the DKU*** sent Pastor Max Mattheisen to minister to the Danes in Edmonton, Alberta. The DKU assumed all the expenses incurred, and at the same time permitted their pastor to minister to some of the District's neighboring congregations.(12) In 1930 the Danes in Edmonton organized Ansgar Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, with 62 charter members.(13) However, this formal organization was not without its drawbacks. Apparently the DKU had the policy that as soon as a congregation became organized it was held responsible for a portion of the pastor's salary, as well as the upkeep of the church.(14) To us who are born in this country, this arrangement seems natural, but to the Danes who were accustomed to a State-supported church it was a jolt.

The Edmonton congregation held a unique position in that it was never affiliated with the UDELIC, but at intervals it has been served by UDELIC pastors. One such case was when Paster P. Thorslev served there in the years 1943-46.(15) He would have remained there longer, but if he had done so he would have lost his United States citizenship, as he was being supported by a foreign church.(16) Another unique aspect in the history of the Edmonton congregation is that one of its DKU-supported pastors, Nommesen, served as president of the WC District for eight years.(17)

Despite the fact that the WC District was organized in 1927 it did not really begin to function as an entity until circa 1931-32. Historical verification for this is seen from the following incidents. In 1930 the Synod gave a gift of \$500 for the future church in Calgary, but it wasn't given to the District to disburse; it was given to the Calgary congregation directly.(18) The DKU also failed to give recognition to the District as a governing body when it presented the Calgary congregation with 3,000 kroner, approximately \$750, directly.(19)

However, it was not only by the higher echelons that the WC District was ignored. By-passing the proper channels was also evident from the people at large.

In 1926 a group of Danes had settled at Edgewater, British Columbia (approximately 90 miles southwest of Banff, Alberta). By 1930

the group decided that they would like the services of a Lutheran pastor.(20) Instead of sending a letter of inquiry directly to the president of the WC District, they wrote to a pastor. In this case the letter went to Mattheisen in Edmonton.(21) Whether it was because of his affiliation with DKU, or whether he didn't think it necessary to notify the District president of this request, is not for me to say. But the fact remains that he proceeded to make all the arrangements on his own initiative. He agreed to come to Edgewater, 450 miles away, on the last Sunday of the months which had five Sundays.(22) His first service was held on July 6, 1930,(23) at which time this writer was baptized. According to my baptismal certificate this service was held in our home.(24) The group in Edgewater, which numbered from 40-50 adults in the early thirties,(25) continued to be served in a sporadic manner, sometimes by District pastors, and at other times by DKU men,(26) until 1949. At this time the WC District president reported:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church at Edgewater, B.C. has been discontinued. Many of our people have moved to other places and the remaining families have affiliated with other branches of the Church.(27)

A further example of how the WC District was bypassed as a useful agency is seen in the formation of the Bethany congregation at Tilley, Alberta. This congregation was organized on October 9, 1929, at Laurel, Nebraska, and went with its members to their new homesteads in Tilley.(28) One must conclude that this group which formed the Bethany congregation which they originated at Laurel was registered with the UDELIC.(29) But for some reason or other they chose not to avail themselves of the District's guidance. However, it could also be the somewhat odd circumstances under which they were organized that prompted them to act as they did.

Apparently there was much disenchantment with future prospects for farmers around Ruskin and Laurel, Nebraska in 1929.(30) Drought plagued them for several years; therefore the appealing propaganda peddled by the CPR land agents concerning irrigated land

available in Alberta created considerable interest.(31) After a scouting tour to Alberta, which also resulted in the scouts purchasing land,(32) the wonders of irrigated farming were extolled even more.(33) One of the scouts recalls:

When we reached home again we heard that Pastor Skanderup (then serving the Laurel, Nebraska congregation) wished to begin a congregation in the new community. Pastor Skanderup secured a large block of land from the CPR to act as agent for, and dispose of, to prospective Danish settlers.(34)

About 20-30 people decided to make the move to Alberta,(35) and Pastor Skanderup was promptly sent an official letter of Call. It read in part as follows:

... it was decided by the Bethany Evangelical Lutheran congregation to be at Tilley, to call you, Pastor A. N. Skanderup, Laurel, Nebraska, to become our pastor.

As the congregation is in the formative period and based upon colonization, it is our wish that you continue to work for the colonizing and increase of the congregation.

Meanwhile we leave it to you to arrange for the church services and the like, until the congregation in the future makes definite arrangements.

The congregation cannot promise you any wages at present but the free use of the church land to be yours and we farm it for you.(36)

The pastor accepted the call. In his recollections he has added this comment: "It was understood between us that we were not going to ask any financial help from District or Synod. Independent we would be and

remain."(37) From this remark one might assume that this little group of pioneers had become estranged from the Synod. But this estrangement, if such existed, didn't last very long. In 1932 Bethany Lutheran of Tilley applied for membership in the UDELIC.(38) And in the same year ties were also established with the WC District.(39)

But the early years of the WC District were not altogether ineffective. Under its guidance a new congregation was organized in 1929 at Chancellor, Alberta. It took the name of Emaus Lutheran, and consisted of 19 adults.(40) Services were conducted once a month in the local schoolhouse. But due to severe drought and poor crops Emaus ceased to function in December of 1932.(41) It is not heard of again until in 1945 when it becomes the nucleus of the present Hussar, Alberta, congregation.(42)

Another endeavor of the WC District, which was more lasting than the previously mentioned, was the establishing of its own church paper in 1931, Kirken og Hjemmet, or Church and Home, as it was later called. It was a bi-monthly publication with a subscription rate of 25 cents per year.(43)

Although the WC District had had a treasurer since its organization in 1927, strangely enough there is no recorded report until 1932. This report records the total yearly income of \$627.69, expense of \$669.32, leaving a deficit of \$41.63 for the year. The largest item of income is \$300 from the Synod, and the largest item of expense is \$610 for Pastor Ludvigsen's salary in the Pass Lake mission.(44) Despite the fact that the Pass Lake congre-

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(37) Ibid.
(38) Ibid., p. 8.
(39) Yrbk., 1933, stat., p. 187.
(40) Our Savior's Lutheran Community Church, Hussar, Alberta, current congregational minute book, p. 6. Hereafter referred to as Hussar. (dt)
(41) Ibid., p. 25. (dt)
(42) Ibid., p. 40.
(43) Wedcm., p. 14. (dt)
(44) Ibid., p. 22. (dt)

(2) Ibid., p. 4. (dt)
(3) Ibid. (dt)
(4) Yrbk., 1928, pre-con., p. 44. (dt)
(5) Ibid., stat., pp. 182-189. (dt)
(6) Yrbk., 1930, stat., p. 172
(7) Yrbk., 1928, pre-con., pp. 115-161. (dt)
(8) Udvalget i Danmark was a committee composed of pastors who had formerly served the UEDLC in North America, but who were not residents of Denmark. Knowing the existing conditions they were able to advise the DKU (Dansk Kirke i Udlandet - Danish Church in Foreign Lands, head office in Copenhagen, Denmark) where assistance in Canada was most needed.
(9) Yrbk., 1928, con., p. 132. (dt)
(10) Ibid., p. 134. (dt)
(11) Yrbk., 1927, pre-con., p. 34. (dt)

***Dansk Kirke i Udlandet (Danish Church in Foreign Lands, head office in Copenhagen, Denmark).
(12) Yrbk., 1929, pre-con., p. 41. (dt) Cf. Wedcm., p. 6. (dt) Cf. Niels Petersen, History of the Ansgar Danish Lutheran Congregation in Edmonton, p. 2. Based largely upon congregational records. Unpublished document sent to H. Madsen, January 27, 1964.
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(22) Ibid.
(23) Ibid.
(24) Holger Madsen, Baptismal certificate. (dt)
(25) J. J. Madsen, op. cit., p. 2.
(26) Ibid., p. 4.
(27) Yrbk., 1949, pre-con., p. 61.
(28) Bethany Lutheran Church, Tilley, Alberta, 25th Anniversary, 1930-1955 (no publisher), p. 6. Edited by A. E. Rasmussen. Hereafter referred to as Tilley.
(29) Yrbk., 1929, stat., p. 200. (dt)
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gation had managed to get a church built, (45) the work came to a stop in 1932. The District president reports as follows:

This colony is the special mission field of our District. Existing economic conditions make it impossible to get the funds for continuing the work. It was with much regret the District had to let Rev. Ludvigsen go from the first of January, 1932. The District Board, together with our synodical president, Dr. N. C. Carlsen, decided to let Rev. Damskov of Ostenfeld take charge of the field temporarily. Damskov will visit Pass Lake a week at the time, once a month. (46)

The withdrawal of regular pastoral service was apparently the jolt which was needed to stir the Pass Lake congregation to greater effort. At its 1932 convention the WC District received a letter from the Synodical president which had been sent to him by the Pass Lake congregation. It contained a pledge for at least \$400 annual support if a pastor could once more be placed there. (47) But due to the continued depression the District decided to postpone action on this request for the present. (48) But it did commend the congregation for its effort and advised them to begin saving their money so that when a pastor was available they would have some funds to work with. (49)

Another advancement in organized District activity is noted when a committee of three men was appointed in 1932 to look into the possibilities of establishing an Old Folks Home and an orphanage in the District. (50) The 1932 WC District convention was highlighted by two firsts in the District's history: the first annual convention of the newly - formed Young People's Society, (51) and the first English sermon ever preached at a District convention. (52)

But apparently there was still need for more unified effort by all the congregations in the District. (53) One avenue which was suggested at the 1933 convention was that all congregations should put a concerted effort into the propagation of the various Church publications. The main ones were: Kirken og Hjemmet, The Ansgar Lutheran, Bornevenen (The Children's Friend), and The Little Lutheran. (54) The District

pastors were also admonished to put special effort into establishing Sunday schools both in their regular congregations and in their preaching places. (55) Evidently there was as yet no system under which the various congregations made regular contributions to the District treasury, because in 1932 pastors were asked to have at least two special offerings, a year for the District coffers. (56)

There are two unknown quantities which have come to my attention in this period of the WC District's history. The first one is the guest speaker at the 1933 District convention. His name was Pastor P. N. Christensen and he was from the Danish Church in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. (57) This man poses as a real mystery to me, because never before nor since this is he ever mentioned in the material which is at my disposal. Where he came from, how long he was in Saskatoon, and where he went to from there has evaded all research to date. He must therefore remain an inexplicable shadow of the past. The second unknown is as follows: the District Board was delegated to appoint a man to write a brief history of the WC District of the UDELIC. It was to be presented to the American Lutheran Conference. (58) Who was appointed to write this history, or if it were ever written, cannot be determined as no further mention is ever made of it.

From various reports it is clear that the District was beginning to be better structured, but it had not yet fully arrived as an effective arm of the Church. This is seen in the organization of a new congregation at Swan River, Manitoba, in 1934. (59) It began as follows:

The first Lutheran church work in the Swan River Valley was begun in 1931 when the Danes sent an invitation to Rev. V. Beck of Winnipeg to come for a visit. He accepted the invitation and was instrumental in starting home meetings. Rev. Mehr from Redvers, Sask. also held meetings. When Rev. Beck resigned in 1933, Pastor A. T. Schultz accepted the call to Winnipeg, and he came to Swan River occasionally to hold services.

Pastor Beck was instrumental in getting a church society formed, the duties of which consisted in sending out notices when the pastor was coming. Otherwise the society served as a social club, keeping the

scattered Danes in contact with each other. (60)

Despite all these incidences, by groups and pastors alike, of failing to go through the prescribed District channels, there is never any record of the District castigating anyone for their actions. It appears as though they were happy to reach out to people through whatever channels presented themselves. And outreach was the emphasis in the thirties. Besides its 11 established congregations in 1934, the District reports the following as preaching places: in Ontario — Port Arthur and Fort William; in Manitoba — Moosehorn, Sperling and Portage La Prairie; in Saskatchewan — Regina, Moose Jaw, Lone Rock, Aleda, Marshall, Ogema, Parry, and Radville; in Alberta — Hussar, Chancellor, Egel Hill, Craig Antler School, Mayerthorpe, Ponoka, Lloydminster, Camrose, Stettler, Markerville, Heckla, Red Raven, Crooked River, Athabasca, Tofield, and Wildwood; in British Columbia — Edgewater. (61)

When one realizes that these 42 places of worship were served by seven pastors, (62) it is little wonder that as an organization the District was rather loose.

With such an impressive list of preaching places one might think that there was great growth in the District. But the opposite is the case. The reason there were so many preaching places was simply because they did not have the means to organize, or to pay a fulltime pastor. A new era had dawned. Immigration had ceased. And the depression of the thirties was forcing many once-optimistic settlers to leave their homesteads, and their city dwellings. They were not only discouraged; they were starving. A few excerpts from the 1935 report of the District president will show that the conditions were generally bad across the whole country. From Winnipeg he reports: "Many people have left this city for other points, mostly perhaps for Denmark; (63) from Redvers, "The situation is desperate. Most of the farmers must by necessity have fodder and grain from the government to keep life in what is left of their livestock;" (64) from Calgary, "Calgary has more unemployed than any other city, perhaps in the province. Here is now only one-third of the Danish population we had five years ago. More are leaving the city, especially for Denmark." (65)

Everything was in a state of flux, and no one could

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guess where it might stop, or when conditions would improve. But in the midst of all this movement the WC District had one stable, unifying organ—its little church paper. And this it propagated with every means at its disposal. (66)

Despite the severe conditions, Kirken og Hjemmet boasted 550 new subscribers in 1935, (67) and the District pledged a subsidy of \$125

for the coming year. (68) It was staking its all on the hope that the printed page would serve as a substitute to bring God's Word into the homes of those who could not afford pastoral service. I think they were right. Although my memories of those days are rather scant, I do remember how hungrily the Kirken og Hjemmet was absorbed when it made its appearance in our home. □

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